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Refund of lease amount in respect of lands submerged in Malampuzha area.

* 325 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the premium or advance rent received by the Government for the lease of lands in the Malampuzha area which were later submerged under water, has been returned to the lessees ; and

(*b*) if so, the amount returned so far?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) No, Sir. The question of refund of the lease amount is under consideration.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Payment of grant to libraries in Malabar.

* 326 *Q.*—DR. K. B. MENON : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of libraries functioning in Malabar that are subsidised by the State; and

(*b*) the total subsidy given to them last year?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The number of libraries, which received grant from State funds during 1953–54, is 68. The total expenditure incurred on the payment of the grant is Rs. 4,380."

Grant from the Central Government for slum improvement.

* 327 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the State Government have applied to the Government of India for subsidy towards slum improvement and acquisition of lands for assignment to the Harijans in the State;

(*b*) the subsidy and the direction, if any, received from the Government of India ;

(*c*) whether any loan has been granted by the Government of India to this State for the improvement of slums ; and

(*d*) whether the Government will be pleased to place a copy of the correspondence on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The State Government applied to the Government of India for a block grant for slum improvement and provision of houses for the poorer classes of people including Harijans, but not exclusively for Harijans.